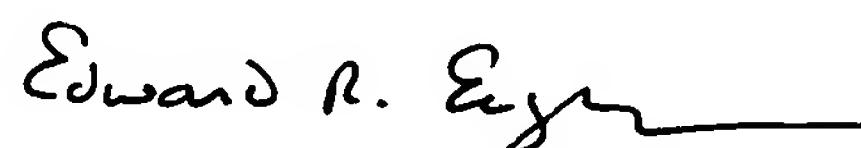


REMARKS

Claims 2-17 have been amended as described herein to remove multiple dependencies. The specification has also been amended to correct a misspelling in the title and to remove a phrase from the Description of the Drawings that was included therein as a result of a clear error. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments into the above-identified application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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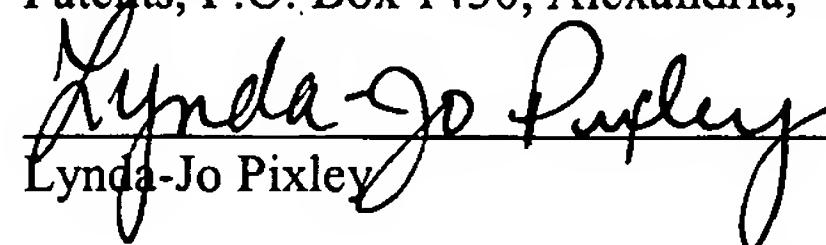


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